

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following amended paragraph:

[0012] In the embodiment depicted in FIG. 3, chain saw bar 100' again has a sliding member 110' fitted within channel 115' and adjacent to first tensioning member 120'. Sliding member 110' also has projections 112' which correspond to similar projections 110 of the embodiment of FIG. 1, described above. Similarly, channel 115' includes a wide portion 116' corresponding to the wide portion of the embodiment of FIG. 1. In ~~[[this]]~~ the embodiment of FIG. 3, sliding member 110' has a series of recesses 114' formed into the shape of stairs or teeth. Latch 130' is mounted to one or both of the outer guide plates and is configured to rotate at axis 132'. Latch 130' is biased towards sliding member 110' by way of second tensioning member 140'. When sliding member 110' is forced away from the mounting stud (to the right in the accompanying figures) latch 130' falls into recesses 114' sequentially and ratchets sliding member 110' away from the mounting stud in a step-like fashion. As seen in FIG. 3, recesses 114' are shaped into a series of steps or teeth that allow the sliding member to slide and move along the latch in one direction only. Thus, in this embodiment sliding member 110' can be locked into place with respect to the chain saw bar at any of several positions dictated by the number and spacing of recesses 114'.

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

[0013] In order to unlock latch 130' from recesses 114' of sliding member 110', an opening may be formed in the outer guide plate near latch 130'. This opening will typically be formed in such a manner that a tool, for example a flat-head screwdriver, may be inserted therethrough in order to force latch 130' away from sliding member 110' and allow ~~second~~first tensioning member 120' to slide sliding member 110' towards the mounting stud. The depicted embodiment has a slot 136' that extends through at least one of the outer guide plates for this purpose.